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Book Review

Mental Diseases. A handbook dealing with diagnosis and classification. By Walter Vose Gullick. Illustrated. pp. 142. St. Louis: Mosby. 1918. Price \$2.00.

This little handbook will be useful to those who know little or nothing of psychiatry, but are called by circumstances to treat or judge of psychoses. It is based upon the classification of the Army Medical Department. Its clear and refreshing English is surprising in a medical book.

L. E.

Information for the Tuberculous. By F. W. Wittich. 150 pp. St. Louis: Mosby, 1918. Price, \$1.00.

In this little work the author publishes a series of weekly talks which he gave his patients while doing sanatorium work. Each chapter is a discussion of some symptom or phase of tuberculosis, written in popular style so as to be intelligible to the layman. The book should certainly prove of value to the struggler against tuberculosis, as it will answer the many perplexing problems which present themselves. It should also prove of some value to the physician handling tuberculous patients, giving him suggestions for instructive talks and how to phrase them. In this spirit we commend the book to our readers.

W. C. V.

A Text-Book of General Bacteriology. By Edwin O. Jordan, Ph. D., Professor of Bacteriology in the University of Chicago and in the Rush Medical College. Sixth edition thoroughly revised. Octavo of 691 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1918. Cloth \$3.75 net.

The sixth edition of this well-known and valuable teaching manual has been revised and brought up to date, especially in the matter of the newer work on the meningococcus and the pneumococcus. In practically all other respects, it remains the same concise, logical and easily studied classroom guide. In this latter field it is to be most highly recommended.

G. H. T.

Principles of Bacteriology. By Arthur A. Eisenberg. Illustrated. pp. 198. St. Louis: Mosby. 1918. Price \$1.75.

This book may be recommended to laboratory technicians. It gives a number of useful laboratory formulae and considerable information about the more common organisms. To expect nurses, however, for whom the book is intended, to learn about Ehrlich's theory, haptophore groups, etc. is asking too much of young women already overburdened with much useless theory.

L. E.

Compendium of Histo-Pathological Technic. By Emma H. Adler. 92 p. New York: Hoeber. 1918.

This little manual by a laboratory technician contains nothing of theory, but sufficient of practice to make it useful to beginners in pathological laboratories. It does not pretend to the field of larger laboratory manuals, but it may be recommended especially to non-medical technicians.

L. E.

Neurosyphilis, Modern Systematic Diagnosis and Treatment presented in 137 case histories. By E. E. Southard and H. C. Solomon. pp. 496. Boston: W. M. Leonard, 1917.

This volume covers the ground very comprehensively. The histories are followed by a summary and key which give a careful resume of our present knowledge of neurosyphilis and two appendices on technic and treatment.

It is an advantage to have a subject discussed in the method adopted by the Boston Psychopathic Hospital in this, their second monograph, and illustrated by examples from the large clinical material at the authors' disposal, selected with acumen and judgment. There are few branches of medicine in which the ordinary "book-case" is so seldom met with or in which the student is more liable to be confused by the baffling problems that are met in practice. Here we have actual case histories, elaborately reported and analyzed, the results of treatment—which is steadily growing more hopeful—and the careful record of autopsies in fatal instances. All are illustrative of different manifestations of syphilis of the nervous system, and symptoms are not only described, but discussed fully and explained in a lucid and practical way whenever explanation is possible. A good index and classification add to the value of a practical and well written work.

G. A. H.—A.

United States Army X-Ray Manual. Authorized by the Surgeon General of the Army. Prepared under the direction of the Division of Roentgenology. 506 pp. 219 illustrations. N. Y.: Paul B. Hoeber. 1918. Price \$4.00.

This excellent manual should be in the possession of every one doing roentgenology, whether specialist, technician or practitioner who only takes an occasional plate. The whole subject from X-ray physics to therapy is covered concisely, yet thoroughly, and very readably. It is clear and practical, and as it represents the combined ideas of the best minds in American roentgenology, it is authoritative and thoroughly up to date.

L. B.

Roentgenotherapy. By A. F. Tyler. 162 pp. 111 illustrations. St. Louis: Mosby. 1918. Price \$2.50.

This is a very elementary and inconclusive survey of the field of roentgen treatment. It contains glaring inaccuracies of statement, and the technique as outlined for many of the conditions is even dangerous, as the most essential factor in therapy, that of the target skin distance, is either omitted or carelessly considered.

The author advocates one technique for superficial lesions and another for deep conditions, a matter upon which roentgenologists have considerable differences of opinion.

The statement that an erythema dose should be administered, is frequently encountered, yet one looks in vain for the details of the technique of the standard erythema dose.

The book is thoroughly useless and capable of much harm.

L. B.

A Diabetic Manual. By Major Elliot P. Joslin. Illustrated. pp. 187. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger. 1918. Price, \$1.75.

This book is exactly what the author intended it should be, a radically elementary, schematic presentation of the modern conception of diabetes and its treatment, designed for the mutual use of doctor and patient. The manual is a compend of Joslin's Treatment of Diabetes mellitus, providing a portable, practical ready reference and a foundation on which to base a detailed comprehensive study of the larger textbook. It is arranged in four parts: Part 1 is a primer of the general prin-